OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS.

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REVISED REGULATIONS FOR THE MYSORE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

The following revised regulations for the Mysore Middle School Examination will come into effect from the School year 1931-32. The first Examination under these revised regulations will be held in 1932.

I. There will be two sections of the Middle School Examination as detailed below:—

i. Middle School Examination with English of the standard of the Fourth Year Middle School Class, as a Compulsory subject.

ii. Middle School Examination *with English only* of the same standard as in I (i).

II. The Middle School Examination shall be open to :—

(*a*) *School candidates.*—Pupils of the Fourth Year class of recognised Middle Schools who may appear for the Middle School Examination in all subjects or in English only.

Note.—Candidates appearing for section I (ii) of the Examination, *viz.*, the Middle School Examination in English only, shall have passed the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination and shall have undergone a further course of study for not less than two years in a recognised Middle School. But candidates who have previously completed the third year Middle School Course successfully or who have studied in the Fourth Year Middle School Class in a recognised Middle School in previous years may come up for the Examination after undergoing a further course of study for only one year. Such candidates shall attach to their applications for admission to the Examination the certificate granted to them on their passing the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination.

(*b*) *Private candidates.*—(i) Teachers employed in recognised institutions.

Applications for admission to the Examinations from such candidates should be countersigned by an Inspecting Officer in the service of either the Education Department or any Local Educational authority in the State.

(ii) Boy candidates who have appeared once at least as school candidates for the Middle School Examination or the English Lower Secondary Examination under the old rules and failed.

Such candidates should mention in their applications for admission to the Examination the year in which they appeared for the Examination and their register number in the year of their failure.

(iii) *Girl candidates who have been educated privately.*—Such candidates should furnish with their applications for admission to the examination a certificate signed by an Officer of the Education Department not lower in rank than the Head of a recognised Middle School to the effect that they were not reading in any recognised Middle School for any part of the School year in which they appear for the Examination and that they are fit to sit for the examination.

(iv) Boy candidates whose age is not less than eleven years and who do not come under any of the categories mentioned above will be permitted to appear for the Middle School Examination by private study, provided they obtain the permission of the President of the Local Examinations Board to do so on applications submitted through their parents or guardians not later than the 15th July prior to the date of examination and provided, further, that the other provisions in the rules governing the Middle School Examination are complied with. The applications for such permission should be submitted to the President in printed forms which can be had from the Secretary, Local Examinations Board, Bangalore.

III. *Attendance.*—(i) Pupils of schools referred to in section II (*a*) above shall be required to have put in an attendance in a recognised school of two-thirds of the total number of working days from the 15th June preceding the examination to the end of February following.

(ii) Such pupils as may be wanting in term may be recommended for exemption for special reasons, if any, by the Heads of Institutions concerned.

(iii) A consolidated list of only such candidates as are deficient in attendance calculated up to the end of February shall be sent by the Heads of Institutions concerned so as to reach the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Board, Bangalore not later than the 5th March, preceding the Examination. If all the candidates presented for the Examination from an Institution have put in the attendance required, the Head of the Institution shalls end in a certificate to that effect to the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Boards, Bangalore, *not later than the 5th March* preceding the Examination.

IV. The Mysore Middle School Examination will be held annually commencing from the first working day in April at such centres as are notified by the Director of Public Instruction. The detailed time-table relating to the Examination shall be published separately each year in January preceding the Examination.

V. Applications from school pupils shall be forwarded by the Heads of Institutions concerned, so as to reach the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Board, Bangalore, before the 10th December preceding the Examination and those from private candidates shall be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Board, Bangalore, before the 1st November preceding the examination. Applications received after due dates shall be rejected. Applications for admission to the examination shall be submitted on printed forms which will be supplied on application to the Secretary, Mysore Local Examinations Board, Bangalore, after the 1st September preceding the Examination.

VI. (*a*) No candidate shall be registered for the examination unless the prescribed fees have been paid and the rules are satisfied in all respects.

(*b*) Candidates coming up for the first time for the Middle School Examination shall attach a certificate of re-vaccination to their applications for admission to the Examination.

VII. The fees for the Examination are as follows :—

(i) For School candidates (Boys) Rs. 5 (II a)
(ii) For Teacher candidates (Men) Rs. 4 (II b i)
(iii) For private candidates (Boys) Rs. 8 (II b ii)
(iv) For all girl candidates Rs. 2½ (II a or b)

Note.—1. The fees shall be paid to a Mysore Government treasury and the treasury receipt shall be attached to the application for admission to the Examination.

2. Fees once paid into a treasury shall on no account be refunded or reserved for a subsequent examination.

3. Candidates belonging to Depressed Classes are exempted from payment of examination fees up to and inclusive of the Examination of 1932.

VIII. The following will be the subjects of the Examination.

Group "A"—Compulsory.

1. English :—		
(i) English Text and Grammer	...	1 paper of 2½ hours 60 marks
(ii) Composition and Translation or paraphrase. (with hand-writing and spelling).		1 paper of 2 hours 40 marks plus 10 plus 10
2. Second language :—Kannada, Urdu, Telugu-Tamil or English.		
(i) Text and Grammar	...	1 paper of 2½ hours 50 marks
(ii) Composition (with hand-writing and spelling).		1 paper of 1 hour 30 marks plus 10 plus 10
3. Elementary Mathematics	...	1 paper of 2 hours 100 marks
4. History and Geography	...	1 paper of 2½ hours 100 marks

Group "B"—Optional.

1. Hygiene	... ...	1 paper of 2 hours 80 marks
2. Kannada (For Muslim candidates of Urdu Middle Schools).		1 paper of 2 hours 80 marks
3. Sanskrit or Persian	... ...	1 paper of 2 hours 80 marks
4. Domestic Economy and Needle work (for girls only).		1 paper of 2 hours 80 marks
5. Practical Instruction :—		
(*a*) Agriculture	... ...	1 paper of 2 hours 80 marks
(*b*) Sericulture	... ...	1 paper of 2 hours 80 marks.

(*c*) Carpentry, Tailoring, Shoe-making, Weaving, Smithy or other subjects that may be introduced from time to time.

6. Music (Intermediate standard of Trinity College of Music only for pupils from European schools.)

Note.—1. Kannada as an optional subject will be of the standard of Kannada for the III Primary class and will be permitted to be taken up only by Muslim candidates from Urdu Middle Schools.

2. The candidates for the Middle School Examination shall offer all the four subjects shown under Group "A"—Compulsory and anyone of the subjects shown under Group "B"—Optional, with the proviso that the girl candidates shall offer Domestic Economy and Needle work. The last provisio will not apply to girls studying in Boys' Middle Schools and those educated privately. These candidates are permitted to offer any other Optional subject of Group "B".

3. Candidates who have passed the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination may offer English only under the condition specified in the note to Rule II(*a*).

4. English as a second language will be of a higher standard than that of the fourth Year Middle School course and will be permitted to be taken up only by those who are "specially circumstanced" such as Anglo-Indians and others who do not know any of the vernaculars included in the subjects of study for the Middle School Examination.

5. The Examination in Music shall be arranged for by the authorities of the School concerned at their own cost.

6 Candidates from European Schools who take Music as an optional subject and who are at the same time, eligible for taking English as a second language will be permitted to take along with Music one other subject of Division "B" instead of "English" as a second language.

7. Candidates will as a rule be required to answer the English language papers in English and the rest in their own vernacular except in the case of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and other candidates "specially circumstanced," who may answer all their papers in English.

8. Candidates whose vernacular is Kannada, Urdu, Telugu or Tamil will be given the corresponding version of the question papers in Elementary Mathematics and other non-language subjects. They will be required to answer the papers in Kannada, Urdu, Telugu or Tamil respectively, and not in English.

9. The Board shall make arrangements for the conduct of the examination in subjects included under Practical Instruction through the agency of the Department.

10. No candidate shall be allowed to offer Agriculture or any other subject included under Practical Instruction unless he has studied the subject for three years in a school where provision has been made for teaching the subject.

11. Spelling and hand-writing will be taken into account in valuing the answer papers in composition and translation in English and composition in the vernacular language the marks assigned to these being indicated separately.

IX. The following classes of candidates shall be eligible for a pass certificate at the Mysore Middle School Examination :—

(*a*) Those who, appearing under Rule I (ii) for English only, obtain not less than 40 percent of the maximum marks for that subject (such candidates will be declared merely to have "passed in English" without any distinction of class.)

(*b*) Candidates who, appearing for the full examination, obtain not less than 40 per-cent of the marks in English taken as First language, and not less than 35 per cent of the marks in each of the other subjects, except in any subject falling under Group "B" 5 (*c*). For any subject under Group "B" 5 (*c*), a certificate from a competent authority approved by the Local Examinations Board to the effect that "the candidate's progress has been satisfactory" will be taken as equivalent to a pass in that subject.

(*c*) Candidates who have failed in any one subject other than English taken as a first language but who obtain in the aggregate not less than 50 per cent of the total number of marks for all the subjects offered by them.

For the purpose of this rule, a candidate who takes Practical Instruction as an optional subject and does not secure a certificate of satisfactory progress in that subject, will be deemed to have failed in that subject.

X. Candidates *who pass in all the subjects offered by them* and obtain not less than 60 per cent of the aggregate number of maks in the compulsory subjects, shall be placed in the First Class.

XI. Candidates obtaining a First Class shall be arranged in the order of merit and those obtaining a mere pass according to centres and register numbers.

XII. Ordinarily, no candidate who has not passed the Middle School Examination, taking English as a compulsory language, or any other examination which is certified by the Department as its equivalent shall be admitted to the Fourth Form of any recognised High School in the State. The Heads of High Schools are, however, vested with the discretion of admitting pupils who have not passed the Middle School Examination, provided such candidates have passed in English and Elementary Mathematics and failed in not more than one subject of the Middle School Examination.

XIII. In special cases not falling under the above rule, the Director of Public Instruction shall have the power, on the recommendation of the Head of a High School to which admission is sought, to sanction admission to the Fourth Form, of pupils who have been prevented from appearing for the Mysore Middle School Examination for reasons which the Director of Public Instruction considers satisfactory, or who, having appeared for the examination fail either in English or Elementary Mathematics or in more than one other subject of the examination.

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